

**Party programma**  
**Lijst Vooruitstrevende**  
**Studenten**  
**List Progressive Students**



**University elections**  
**Academic year 2019-2020**

**Here you'll find our party programma for the university elections of the University of Leiden of 2019. In the past eleven years we have achieved many things, and we want to continue doing this next year!**

**We stand for ...**

**... inclusivity and diversity**

The university has to create a safe and inclusive study environment for all students, regardless of gender identity, any disabilities or background; in summary, everyone. It is important that every student feels welcomed at our university and that they are given the opportunity to let their voice be heard. For instance, the university should facilitate gender-neutral toilets in all its buildings. This might seem a marginal gesture, but it could be of great significance to your fellow student.

**... personal education**

A student needs to be seen. It would greatly benefit our quality of education when teachers are approachable and easy to talk to. This could be achieved by organising activities – like a faculty get-together – at which students and teachers alike can speak, discuss ideas and ask questions in an easy fashion.

Furthermore, it is important in this current society focused on performance and excellence that the university keeps a close watch on their students' mental health. This should not only be in a symptom controlling way, but also by offering pre-emptive solutions and information. Every student has to know who they can talk to and what means are offered to prevent any (serious) mental problems.

Overall there should be attention to either the excellent as the average student: not one of them should feel less or subordinated.

**... ambitious education**

Students should have the ability to divide their time flexibly. This means the university has to focus on the development of its students, either within as outside of the curriculum. For some students, it is not yet possible to pursue a minor abroad or apply for an internship without accepting drastic delays. The possibility to learn other skills in the societal field, like partaking in sports or being in a board, needs to be encouraged.

**... a proper learning environment**

The university faces a shortage of teachers and study space. This has to be solved in the near future. The digital learning environment has to be improved as well in multiple respects. The university should strive to record all lectures of all studies. In addition, all students should be automatically be enrolled in exams and the process of registering for modules has to be fairer and streamlined.

A proper learning environment also means better visibility of quiet rooms. It has to be ensured that new systems like Brightspace form an ample replacement of uSis and Blackboard. Our education and information must be and remain accessible for all students.

**... internationalising**

International students are entitled to sufficient facilities that provide them with an optimal access to the Dutch education system and its student life. When the university wants and wishes to be an international one, it is also the university's job to make sure international students feel quickly at home.

This does not, however, automatically mean that all communication and education should primarily be English. For instance, we think the Dutch language should be preserved in the bachelors – alongside English education.

**... Leiden en Campus Den Haag: één universiteit**

Campus The Hague houses six faculties, so it is of great importance that the two cities, The Hague and Leiden, become more acquainted. Campus The Hague should be treated and seen as a valuable part of our university. Within the campus, the connection and interaction between Dutch and international students should be continued and intensified.

**At the diverse faculties, we will remain committed to, amongst other things, the following ...**

#### **Faculty of Humanities**

- When applying for an extension of, for instance, an exam, an extensive bureaucratic process is involved, and this process has to be easier and faster, this will save time and money. This process should also be more flexible and less time-consuming in case of depression or a burnout, to prevent students from encountering too many unnecessary obstacles.
- The preservation of smaller studies and/or majors has to be guaranteed, especially when they add real value to the knowledge our faculty owns and in the cases they hold a unique position in the diverse (national) education on offer.
- All communication directed towards international students has to be generally improved. Information about internships or student positions within our university or faculty must be available in English, just like the information signs all throughout the faculty.

#### **Faculty of Governance and Global Affairs**

- The rule that students must earn a mark between 3 and 5.5 to resit an examination should be abolished.
- The rules and procedures regarding weblectures should be made clearer, for both students and teachers.
- More study areas in the Wijnhaven building and the ICT-facilities should return on Schouwburg.

#### **Faculty of Law**

- Ambitious education, by considering broad future prospects to its students. This entails offering modules focussing on practice-based preparation for after the degree.
- The average grade cannot be the only decisive factor in the equal availability of, amongst others, an internship abroad, but the student's motivation and CV should also be taken into consideration.
- The digitalisation of our education has to be continued, like the recording of lectures and online provision of important documents. At the same time, this ensures a more flexible and therefore a less stressful education programme.

#### **Faculty of Social Sciences**

- The connection between the two physical locations of Social Sciences, The Hague and Leiden, has to be strengthened, by offering electives at both cities.
- Creating pleasant and sufficient study space for every student, especially given the renovation of the library and the current (uncomfortable) state of the basement, should be heeded.
- Transparency on the future prospects of all studies Social Sciences had to offer should be provided.

#### **Faculty of Science**

- During the construction of the new Gorlaeus building it remains important that renewal will happen in the old buildings, i.e. recording equipment in the lecture halls.
- The promotion of exact science, also outside of the university, remains important.
- More information should be provided about the labour market excluding the research.